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REFS: A. [] 1792 (IN 8921)
 B. [] 3579 (IN 9144)
 C. NPIC 2943 (OUT 54111)

1. [] MAY QUESTION WHY THERE WAS NO REFERENCE TO THEIR
 EARLIER ALERTMENT (REF A) REGARDING THE KARTALY ICBM COMPLEX.
 AS YOU ARE AWARE, REF A WAS SENT TO [] COMMO CHANNELS
 FOR THE ATTENTION OF [] BASED HIS REPLY (REF B)
 ON INFORMATION PROVIDED [] IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AT THAT
 POINT LITTLE WAS KNOWN ABOUT THE SINGLE SILOS AND NO LAUNCH
 FACILITIES HAD BEEN FOUND TO INDEED MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO CALL THIS
 AN ICBM COMPLEX.

2. FRIDAY AFTERNOON LATE A CABLE WAS RECEIVED FROM DIA PROD
 CTR ASKING NPIC AND A FEW OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO CHECK THE KARTALY
 COMPLEX AS THEY HAD FOUND TWO LAUNCH AREAS. THE NPIC REPLY
 (REF C) WAS SENT OUT ON SATURDAY. [] WAS INCLUDED ON DISTRIBUTION
 BUT NO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE EARLIER [] FIND IN THAT IT HAD
 NOT BEEN CONFIRMED AT THAT TIME, NO ONE IN THE US INTELL COMMUNITY
 WAS AWARE OF THE [] FIND AND IF REFERENCE HAD BEEN MADE TO IT
 THE WATER WOULD REALLY HAVE BEEN MUDDIED UNLESS A FULL EXPLANATION
 ACCOMPANIED THE [] CABLE TO THE COMMUNITY. WE HOPE THAT YOU
 CAN EXPLAIN THIS ADEQUATELY TO []

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